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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on May 03 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It has the wrong status identifiers (see “twice amended”) . Further the applicant makes no reference to the specification to support claimed distinctions between the cited art and applicant’s invention. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Felten whose telephone number is (571) 272-6742. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

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